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SUBJ: IAEA INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP ON HIGH-LEVEL AND
ALPHA-BEARING WASTES (IWGHAW)

REF: IAEA VIENNA 5331

1. AS FORESEEN REFTTEL, AGENCY HAS OFFICIALLY PROPOSED
ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBJECT WORKING GROUP WITH TERMS OF
REFERENCE ALONG LINES OF THOSE FOR IWGFR. COPY OF AGENCY
LETTER AND PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE POUCHED AMMONS, AEC;
BREWSTER, SCI/AE AND KENT, IO/SCT.

2. MAIN FUNCTIONS OF IWGHAW WILL BE:

A. TO SERVE AS MEANS FOR EXCHANGE TECHNICAL AND
SCIENTIFIC INFO ON PROGRESS OF NATIONAL PROGRAMS;

B. TO ASSIST IN COORDINATION OF CONFERENCES AND
PROPOSALS OF TOPICS FOR SPECIALISTS' AND OTHER MEETINGS;

C. TO PROVIDE ADVICE TO DG ON AGENCY ACTIVITIES;

D. TO ADVISE DG ON PROPOSALS FOR REVIEWS AND STUDIES.
(ALL OF FOREGOING LIMITED TO FIELD OF MANAGEMENT OF HIGH-
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LEVEL FISSION PRODUCT AND ALPHA-BEARING WASTES.)

2. GROUP TO CONSIST OF ONE MEMBER DESIGNATED BY EACH MEMBER STATE HAVING MAJOR PROGRAMS IN FIELD (AGENCY LETTER SENT ALSO TO FRANCE, FRG, INDIA, JAPAN, UK AND USSR), PLUS REPS FROM INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH SUCH PROGRAMS THAT MAY BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE, E.G., OECD/NEA, EURATOM, ETC. MEMBERS MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY OBSERVERS, ADVISERS, OR SPECIALISTS, AND SHOULD BE SCIENTISTS OR EXPERTS ACTIVELY WORKING IN FIELD OR HAVING BROAD RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PROGRAMS IN FIELD. MEMBERS NORMALLY EXPECTED SERVE ON GROUP FOR NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS. DG MAY FROM TIME TO TIME ALSO ASK OTHER MEMBER STATES TO DESIGNATE MEMBERS OR OBSERVERS ON AD HOC OR CONTINUING BASIS.

3. AGENCY TO PROVIDE SECRETARIAT FOR GROUP, AS IN OTHER CASES. GROUP TO MEET NORMALLY ONCE PER YEAR AND MAY FROM TIME TO TIME MEET IN PARTICULAR MEMBER STATES IN ORDER TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH SIGNIFICANT RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES IN SUCH STATES.

4. AGENCY PLANNING FIRST MEETING OF IWGHAW NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1974, AND REQUESTS US DESIGNATE MEMBER OF GROUP TO SERVE AT NO RPT NO EXPENSE TO AGENCY FOR PERIOD OF AT LEAST THREE YEARS.

5. MISSION RECOMMENDS PROMPT AND FAVORABLE RESPONSE. ADVISE. LABOWITZ

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